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SUMMARY: IN NOV 24 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER, AMBASSADOR CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFUTING DISINGENUOUS EXPLANATIONS MADE BY GOS UN PERMREP FALL OF HIS ACTIONS ON KOREAN RESOLUTION. AMBASSADOR ALSO REITERATED US DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOS VOTE ON ZIONISM-RACISM RESOLUTION, AND EMPHASIZED URGENT NEED TO IMPROVE US-SENEGALESE COOPERATION IN NEW YORK. PRIME MINISTER CITED SENGHOR'S COMMITMENTS TO DPRK, BUT SAID FALL HAD VOTED AGAINST FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN PLENARY IN SPITE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN. HE AGREED TO TAKE UP SITUATION WITH PRESIDENT, BUT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER FALL WILL ULTIMATELY BE REMOVED. END SUMMARY.

1. IN NOVEMBER 24 MEETING WITH ME, PRIME MINISTER SAID HE KNEW PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAD SPOKEN TO ME ABOUT ZIONISM AND KOREAN ISSUES AND HE COULD ADD LITTLE TO SENGHOR'S COMMENTS, BUT HE HOPED WE WOULD DISCUSS ISSUES FRANKLY, AS ALWAYS. I TOLD HIM SENGHOR HAD DESCRIBED HIS RATIONALE AT GREAT LENGTH TO ME AND TO DEPUTY TREASURY SECRETARY GARDNER AND CODEL.

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WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH GOS VOTES ON ZIONISM, WHICH

CONTRIBUTED TO A MAJORITY UN POSITION WHICH (AMONG ITS OTHER NEGATIVE ASPECTS) WAS NOT HELPFUL TO GOAL OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE DESIRED BY BOTH US AND SENEGAL.

2. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD STATE HIS FRANK VIEWS OF KOREAN ISSUE, THEN HEAR ME OUT. PROBLEM FOR SENEGAL WAS THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAD GIVEN HIS WORD AND SIGNED FIVE-POINT JOINT COMMUNIQUE WITH KIM IL SUNG IN 1974 WHICH INCLUDED PROVISION FOR REMOVAL OF UN TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. SENEGAL DID NOT GO BACK ON ITS ENGAGEMENTS OR RENEGE ON ITS WORD. THEREFORE, DESPITE PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS BY US AND ROK, SENEGAL FELT IT HAD TO SUPPORT DPRK IN UN AND CO-SPONSOR MOTION IN LINE WITH PYONGYANG COMMUNIQUE.

3. I SAID WE WERE AWARE OF THIS SITUATION, BUT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT FALL WAS TO BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO BE HARMFUL TO US AND ROK RESOLUTION. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT WAS INDEED TRUE. HE HAD PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED FALL TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HOSTILE RESOLUTION, BUT TO ABSTAIN ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, WHEN QUESTIONED ON HIS VOTE, FALL CLAIMED HE HAD WORKED OUT COMPROMISE (DESCRIBED REFTEL A) WHICH HE CONSIDERED MUCH MORE POSITIVE GESTURE THAN ABSTENTION. HOWEVER, AMERICANS WOULD NOT BUY THIS COMPROMISE.

4. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL B, I DESCRIBED HOW FALL'S ACTIONS CLEARLY HAD NOT BEEN HELPFUL AT ALL, AND CITED EFFORTS OF GROUP OF 13, WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE SENEGAL, AS MUCH MORE GENUINE EFFORT AT COMPROMISE THAN FALL MANEUVER. GROUP OF 13 PROPOSAL NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HOSTILE GROUP. FALL SUGGESTION WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ROK OR US. FALL HAD NOT MOVED AWAY FROM CONSISTENT OPPOSITION TO US POSITION. WE DID NOT CONSIDER FALL'S ACTIONS AS A MORE POSITIVE GESTURE THAN ABSTENTION ON THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. INDEED HE SEEMED QUITE SKILLED AT JUSTIFYING HIS VOTE AFTER THE FACT. I NOTED PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S REAFFIRMATION DURING OUR CONVERSATION ON NOVEMBER 21 OF SENEGAL'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHT OF ROK AND US TO HAVE BI-LATERAL TROOP AGREEMENT AFTER PULL-OUT OF UN FORCES.

5. I THEN TOLD PRIME MINISTER WE URGENTLY NEEDED TO FIND MEANS OF IMPROVING US-SENEGAL COOPERATION IN UN AT NEW YORK.
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IN MY VIEW SENEGAL'S OVERALL POLICIES WOULD HAVE SEEN IT MORE NORMALLY ACTIVE IN SUCH EFFORTS AS THAT OF GROUP OF 13 IF IT REALLY SOUGHT TO BE HELPFUL TO BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. PRIME MINISTER AGREED WITH THIS RATIONALE. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD MY ARGUMENT AND THANKED ME FOR BEING CANDID. HE WOULD GIVE THOUGHT TO THE SITUATION AND TALK ONCE AGAIN WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON KOREA. HE PERSONALLY AGREED WITH ME, BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO FIND WAY OF PERSUADING PRESIDENT OF NEED

TO MARK MORE EQUITABLE BALANCE IN DEALING WITH TWO KOREAS.

6. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO BE HELPFUL TO US ON KOREAN MATTER. IN SENGHOR'S ABSENCE HE PROBABLY DID GIVE FALL INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN, BUT FALL WENT HIS OWN WAY-- AND ONCE AGAIN BUILT JUSTIFICATION THEREAFTER. PRIME MINISTER IS NOT PLEASED WITH THIS COURSE, BUT SENGHOR IS FINAL ARBITER IN THESE MATTERS. WHETHER HE WILL REMOVE FALL IS NOT YET CLEAR.
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